

RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

RE: Modification of South End Urban Renewal Plan to include 10-12 Lenox Street (Block 610A Parcel 25)

WHEREAS, the property consisting of 27,180 square feet of land owned by Pilgrim Laundry and located at 10-12 Lenox Street is adjacent to land comprising urban renewal reuse parcel P-21, a new city playground site;

WHEREAS, said Renewal Plan identifies said land as desirable for eventual public use, by reference to said land in Section 403 of said Plan;

WHEREAS, said Pilgrim Laundry has requested acquisition by the Authority of the aforesaid land;

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of said Plan provides that said Plan may be modified by said Authority, and that such modifications must receive Federal, state and local approvals where in the reasonable opinion of the Authority such modifications would substantially or materially alter or change said Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the Authority's opinion that modification of said Plan to designate said lots at 10-12 Lenox Street for acquisition would not substantially or materially alter or change said Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT

1. The South End Urban Renewal Plan is hereby modified to designate for acquisition the land at 10-12 Lenox Street, consisting of approximately 27,180 square feet (Block 610A Parcel 25), and to designate such land as part of Reuse Parcel P21.
2. The Real Estate Officer, subject to general counsel, is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary for acquiring said property.

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: HALE CHAMPION -- DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: JUNE 27, 1968

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT (MASS. R-56)
ACQUISITION

Summary: Modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan to designate the property at 10-12 Lenox Street for acquisition and include it as part of ReUse Parcel P21.

Pilgrim Laundry operates an old and inefficient facility at 10-12 Lenox Street in the South End Urban Renewal Project. This property consists of approximately 27,180 square feet. It is adjacent to the land comprising reuse parcel P21, which, under the Urban Renewal Plan, is designated for development as a public playground.

Pilgrim Laundry now wishes to close its plant on Lenox Street and consolidate its operations at its plant on Southampton Street. It will erect an addition to the Southampton Street plant, and anticipates no loss of employment. Pilgrim has requested the Authority to acquire the Lenox Street property.

During the planning period of the South End Urban Renewal Project, the Pilgrim property was not designated for acquisition because of the anticipated relocation difficulty and of the anticipated loss of employment, problems which have now been overcome by Pilgrim. However, the Lenox Street property was identified as property which, at some future time, should become part of the new playground on Parcel P21. Therefore, the property was identified in the Plan as one of several properties which should be acquired for public use at an indefinite future time, possibly subsequent to the seven-year execution stage of the Renewal Plan, by providing, under Section 403 of the Plan, that options on such properties could be acquired by the Authority for future exercise by the City. Because Pilgrim is willing to make the property available now for acquisition, it seems preferable to modify the Plan so that the property will now be designated for acquisition by the Authority at this time.

An appropriate resolution follows: